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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 26.—For Kansas: Forecast till 8 p.m. Tuesday: Generally fair; warmer tonight and Tuesday; southwesterly winds.

ALTHOUGH United States Marshal Dr. Neely holds a fat office he still continues to a small extent his practice of medicine, from necessity rather than inclination. It is said that there are not a few of the best families in Leavenworth, who refuse the services of any physician except Mr. Neely. When Justice Brewer is in Kansas Dr. Neely is the only man allowed to doctor him. It is said also that Dr. Neely could make more money by practicing his profession than the fees and salary of his office amount to.

ABRAHAM S. HOWARD has not a high opinion of Secretary Carlisle. At a banquet a few evenings ago he said: "No man who has served with the secretary of the treasury in congress as long as I did could fail to conciliate the simplest admiration for his extraordinary facility of intellect, his sound judgment upon all abstract questions, and his capacity to apply fundamental principles to concrete cases. I think he comes nearer to an example of intellect in his penmanship than I have ever known in my life. You drop the penman in at the top and the conclusions will come out irresistibly at the bottom. If the puns should happen to be wrong, however, you may be dead sure that the conclusion will be equally wrong."

Sir Lottis Post Dispatch: Masons are ridiculing Mrs. Louise's knowledge of Masonry, and say that she is merely seeking notoriety, or has been duped by some joker. If she attempts to make Masons of ladies with what knowledge she has purchased at the bookstalls it will be an imposition. What really inquisitive woman would care to be a Mason and not know the Masonic secrets? In 1770 Miss St. Leger peeped into a Masonic lodge and saw and heard everything and was caught and made a Mason, but no other woman has ever been so fortunate. The feminine Masonic order now existing does not possess the great Masonic secrets, which have been withheld by the masculine Masons for mysterious reasons.

JUDGE JAMES HUMPHREY, who is said would like to have the place to be made vacant by the retirement and pensioning of Judge Foster, is already having to meet "charges" from those who are opposed to his advancement. They are circulating a letter alleged to have been written by him some time ago. The following is quoted as the objectionable part of the document: "I voted the Republican ticket in common with many Democrats in 1892, and if fusion should again prevail, whilst I certainly do not expect, I shall vote the Republican state ticket at the coming election. The welfare of the state is above all political considerations. There was, perhaps, some excuse for Democrats fusing with the Populists in 1892, but the shameful record since made by the Populists, especially in the revolutionary attempts to drive out the legally organized Douglas house, puts it out of the power of any loyal Democrat, who reveres law and order and loves his state, to affiliate in any way with the Populists in the future. The brand of treason is on the party. To attempt fusion again would utterly destroy the Democratic party."

HENRY CLEWS & Company's weekly financial circular this week says:

The continued uncertainty as to what may be the final status in the new tariff gives to certain articles an active speculative interest. This is especially so in respect to sugar, the duty on which still remains undecided. It seems to be reasonably sure that the senate will so strongly favor some duty on the article that the house may consent to its removal from the free list, and the best informed opinion inclines to the expectation that the duty on raw sugar will finally range around 1 cent per pound. The falling on which congress is likely to differ widely is the duty on the refined article. The eastern members of both houses seem to be preponderate in favor of a small protective duty on this grade, sufficient to prevent importations; and the south also is likely to favor that course for obvious reasons of interest. But the west, which grows increasingly rampant against any form of protection, may be expected to oppose any form or degree of favor to the sugar trust. The difficulty of the sub-committee of the Senate Finance Committee in

reaching a report is suspected to cover some possibilities of a serious disagreement. Senators are said to hold a much more positive public hostility to incorporating the income tax in the Wilson bill than they expected to encounter, and, in some quarters, it is deemed possible that the upper house may vote down the experiment of returning the bill to the house minus that article and unpopular clause. The longer the measure remains in the Senate, the greater the danger of subsections from this cause is likely to become, for there can be no question that the public hostility to the tax, through the whole section from Chicago to Baltimore and Baltimore to Portland, Me., is most bitter and intense.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Sourbeer of Parsons, it is said, bears up well under her misfortune.

According to the Star one of the girls of Parsons is employing for the sole purpose of making and selling to the community from 7:30 a.m. till 8 p.m. (with bulletins of importance never up to 8 p.m.) over a wire running into each room of the house, the girl is the first business between the hours above named.

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